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In re Application of: Mori.  
Application No. 10/767,433  
Filed: January 30, 2004  
For: STORAGE DEVICE CONTROL UNIT  
AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE  
SAME

**DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL  
(ACCELERATED  
EXAMINATION)  
UNDER M.P.E.P. §708.02 (VIII)**

This is a response to the petition filed August 2, 2004, under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02 (VIII): Accelerated Examination, to make the above-identified application special.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section VIII which sets out the prerequisites for a grantable petition for Accelerated Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) states in relevant part:

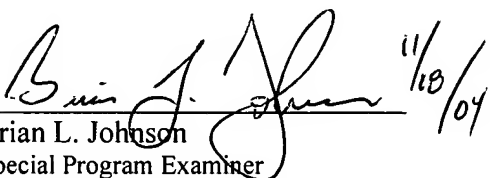
A new application (one which has not received any examination by the examiner) may be granted special status provided that applicant (and this term includes applicant's attorney or agent) complies with each of the following items:

- (a) Submits a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h);
- (b) Presents all claims directed to a single invention, or if the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status;
- (c) Submits a statement(s) that a pre-examination search was made, listing the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, etc. The pre-examination search must be directed to the invention as claimed in the application for which special status is requested. A search made by a foreign patent office satisfies this requirement;
- (d) Submits one copy each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and
- (e) Submits a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

With respect to section (b) above, the petition filed August 2, 2004 fails to identify that an election will be made without traverse if the Office determines that all of the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention. However, in a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney, Juan Carlos Marquez (Reg. No. 34,072) on November 18, 2004, an oral agreement was reached such that Applicant has indicated that an election will be made without traverse if a requirement for restriction is made on the part of the USPTO.

As Petitioner's submission filed August 2, 2004 and the oral agreement on November 18, 2004 meet the criterion set forth above, the Petition to Make Special is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Examiner for accelerated examination in accordance with the procedures set forth in M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section VIII. If the application is subsequently allowed, it will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. §1309.

  
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